



HINCKLEYS POND
HARWICH
BARNSTABLE COUNTY

AREA = 171 ACRES

SCALE 1" = 132 FEET

X = Maximum Depth 28 FEET

Hinkleys Pond

Harwich

Barnstable County

Cape Cod Watershed

Latitude: 41.7117613 N Longitude: 70.0878111 W



171 Acres

Depth: 12 Feet Average
28 Feet Maximum

Primary Gamefish:

*Largemouth Bass,
Smallmouth Bass*

General Information:

Hinkleys Pond, also known as Pleasant Lake, is a 171 acre natural kettlehole pond, with an average depth of 12 feet and a maximum depth of 28 feet. Transparency is poor to fair, extending to roughly 6 feet. The bottom is composed of sand, gravel and some rubble and there is scattered aquatic vegetation. The pond is fed by groundwater and connections to Seymour Pond, Long Pond and cranberry bogs and drains into the Herring River. The 1.7 miles of shoreline are developed with residential homes, cranberry bogs and a beach.

Access:

Hinkleys Pond is located in the northern section of Harwich, a half mile north of the center; a half mile northwest of the Route 6 / Route 124 interchange. It can be reached by taking Exit 10 from Route 6 and heading north on Route 124. The Harwich town beach is located just west of Route 124. Access to the pond is from a dirt road on the western side of pond, south of a cranberry bog. The access is suitable for launching cartop boats or canoes. ***There is six horsepower limit on outboard motors.*** Foot access is also available from a small parking lot next to the Cape Cod Rail Trail across the road from the general store.

Management History:

Hinkleys Pond was stocked in 1907 and closed to winter fishing for three years. A July 1911 survey reported black bass, pickerel, yellow perch, white perch and a few eels. In 1944, 1000 brown bullheads were stocked. An August 17, 1948 survey found abundant alewives, yellow perch, white perch, banded killifish and white suckers. Chain pickerel were also reported.

Fish Populations:

The last fisheries survey of Hinkleys Pond, conducted in 1991, recorded 13 species present: largemouth bass, alewife, white perch, yellow perch, tessellated darter, smallmouth bass, bridled shiner, white sucker, banded killifish, pumpkinseed sunfish, brown bullhead, chain pickerel and American eel. This pond supports an alewife run that comes up the Herring River from Nantucket Sound to the Herring River Reservoir and to Hinkleys, Seymour and Long Ponds.

Fishing:

This is an excellent warmwater fishery where anglers can expect to catch yellow perch, white perch, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and pumpkinseeds. Due to the abundant alewife forage base, gamefish can be expected to have excellent growth rates. Smallmouth bass up to 19 inches and 3.3 pounds and largemouth bass up to 18 inches and 3.5 pounds were sampled in 1991. Larger examples are undoubtedly present. Try bouncing dark jigs with pork rind or plastic tails around all available structure. White or yellow spinnerbaits are also reportedly good here, but let them sink to 8 feet or more before retrieving. Panfishing should also be excellent. White perch ranged up to 13 inches and over one pound in our last sample. There are also plenty of good yellow perch. Target these by drifting or slowly trolling a small spinner rig with a trailing, worm-baited hook.

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